

2001 STATISTICS REPORT

INDIANA STATE OFFICE OF GAL/CASA

(GUARDIAN AD LITEM/COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES)



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A safe, permanent home...isn't something a child should only dream about...GAL/CASA (interchangeable by statute) work to help make that dream become a reality.

Who are CASA/GAL Volunteers?

CASA is an acronym for Court Appointed Special Advocate. GAL/CASA volunteers are ordinary people who care about kids. GAL/CASA volunteers come from all backgrounds. Many work full time. Some are students or retired people. Most GAL/CASA volunteers work on one case at a time. No legal expertise is required.

What exactly does a volunteer do?

GAL/CASA volunteers are assigned to an abuse or neglect case (or other juvenile related cases in some counties in Indiana) by a judge. They conduct thorough research on the background of the case, reviewing documents, interviewing everyone involved, including the child. They make reports to the court, sometimes recommending what they believe is best for the child, providing the judge with information that will help her make an informed decision. GAL/CASA volunteers can be instrumental in assuring that a child or family receives services which the court has ordered - things like substance abuse counseling or special education testing. During the life of a case, a GAL/CASA volunteer monitors the child's situation to make sure he remains safe. GAL/CASA volunteers may be the only constant the child knows as she moves through the labyrinth of the child welfare system.

What does it take to be a CASA/GAL volunteer?

Commitment

Most programs ask a commitment of at least a year. Some cases last longer. The amount of time a GAL/CASA gives to a case will vary depending on the stage of the proceedings. Nationally, GAL/CASA volunteers give an average of 88 hours per year.

Objectivity

The GAL/CASA volunteer's role is to represent the best interests of the child. That may not always mean what the child wants. GAL/CASA volunteers must be able to talk to everyone involved in a case and remain objective in their recommendations. While they will establish a relationship with the child, the GAL/CASA volunteers' role is not to become a Big Brother or Sister to the child.

Good Communication Skills

GAL/CASA volunteers must be able to talk to a wide variety of people from healthcare professionals to school officials to an angry parent. GAL/CASA volunteers present written reports to the court, sometimes speaking in the courtroom on behalf of the child's best interests.

What about training?

GAL/CASA programs provide in-depth training on issues of the court process, child development, abuse and neglect, cultural competency, advocacy and interviewing techniques, HIV and other public health topics, etc. They hear from judges, attorneys, social workers and other professionals in the field. Programs also offer in-service training on many subjects.

The National CASA Association in Seattle, Washington, has developed a 40-hour curriculum and accompanying materials, which local CASA programs adapt, to their own communities. Most of the programs in Indiana currently use either this curriculum, or another curriculum, which is approved, by their court. A volunteer supervisor or program director is available to discuss the case, help problem solve and make sure volunteers get any legal support they need. Many programs have mentor components where experienced volunteers are matched up with new volunteers.

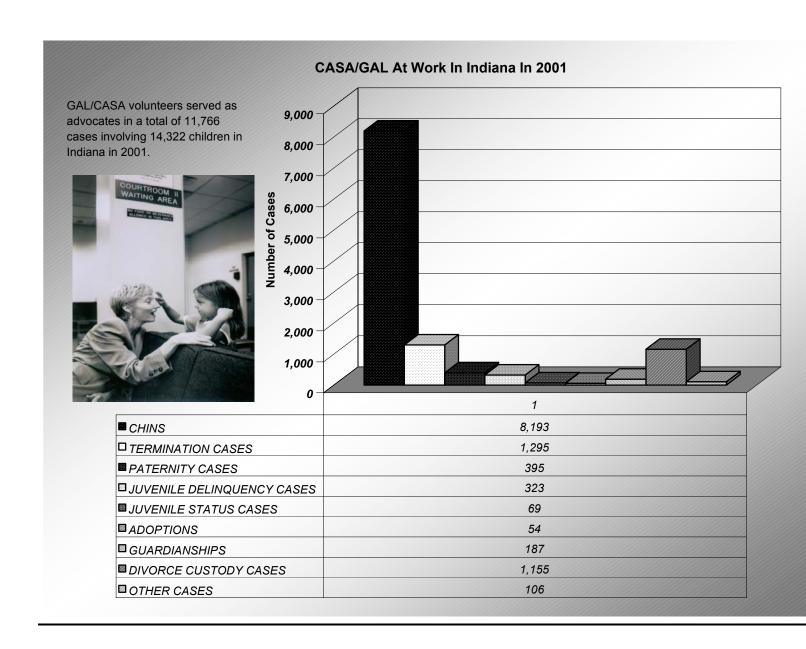
The Indiana State Office of CASA/GAL is a member of the National CASA Association. The State Office of GAL/CASA is currently funded in part through a grant from National CASA. At the present time, there are over 900 volunteer GAL/CASA programs nationwide. Indiana has the largest number of volunteer programs nationally. For more information about National CASA, or to become a member, visit their website at www.casanet.org.

General Summary of GAL/CASA in Indiana



- □ IN 2001, 67 OF INDIANA'S 92 COUNTIES HAD A VOLUNTEER-BASED GAL/CASA PROGRAM*
- □ THESE PROGRAMS WERE STAFFED BY 124 PAID PERSONNELL STATEWIDE
- 97% OF THOSE PROGRAMS HAVE RESPONDED TO THE SURVEY WHICH LEAD TO THIS REPORT
- □ THERE WERE 1,911 ACTIVE GAL/CASA VOLUNTEERS STATEWIDE IN 2001
- □ A TOTAL OF 567 VOLUNTEERS WERE NEWLY TRAINED IN 2001
- □ IN SUM, VOLUNTEERS DONATED AN ESTIMATED TOTAL OF 243,673 HOURS IN 2001
- □ IF GAL/CASA VOLUNTEERS HAD BEEN PAID THE RATE OF \$50.00 PER HOUR, THESE VOLUNTEERS CONTRIBUTED AN ESTIMATED SUM OF \$12.2 MILLION IN 2001
- □ GAL/CASA VOLUNTEERS WERE APPOINTED IN A TOTAL OF 11,776 CASES IN 2001
- □ GAL/CASA VOLUNTEERS SPOKE UP FOR 14,322 CHILDREN DURING COURT PROCEEDINGS IN 2001
- □ PER REPORT OF THE DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN, 15,225 CHILDREN WERE ADJUDICATED AS C.H.I.N.S IN 2001; ACCORDING TO OUR CASA DIRECTORS, VOLUNTEERS WERE APPOINTED ON 8,193 (54%) OF THOSE CASES
- □ AT THE END OF 2001, 2,188 CHILDREN WERE WAITING FOR A GAL/CASA VOLUNTEER IN INDIANA
- OUR COURTS USED CASA VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN INVOLVED IN ABUSE/NEGLECT CASES, TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS CASES, JUVENILE PATERNITY, JUVENILE DELINQUENT, JUVENILE STATUS, ADOPTION, GUARDIANSHIP AND DOMESTIC RELATIONS, INFORMAL ADJUSTMENTS AND MISCELLANEOUS IUVENILE CASES.

^{*}Four counties (Dubois, Fountain, Pulaski and Starke) had CASA volunteer programs at some point in 2001, but during the course of the year were without program directors to manage the programs.



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Note - For Counties Without Volunteer CASA Programs:

* = Attorneys or Others Appointed as GAL/No Statistical Data Provided

TYPES AND NUMBER OF CASES SERVED BY A CASA IN 2001:

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County	JC	TU	JP	JD	JS	AD	GU	DR	Other	Total Cases With CASA Appointment in 2001	Total Children Served In 2001 (Including Children Carried Over from 2000)
<u>Adams</u>	22	3	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	30	39
<u>Allen</u>	140	6	0	1	0	10	0	0	0	157	300
<u>Bartholomew</u>	49	5	6	6	0	0	1	2	0	69	90
Benton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Blackford	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Boone	55	1	11	6	1	1	1	41	1	118	169
Brown	13	0	11	0	0	0	3	52	8	87	145
Carroll	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Cass	10	0	1	24	11	0	0	0	0	46	48
Clark	6	8	10	0	0	0	4	20	0	48	61
Clay	21	10	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	35	
Clinton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Crawford	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	18
Daviess	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	9
<u>Dekalb</u>	7	0	3	0	0	0	0	14	0	24	34
Dearborn *Statistics combined for Dearborn/Ohio Counties	No Response										
<u>Decatur</u>	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	12	19
<u>Delaware</u>	104	18	7	11	0	0	1	35	2	178	206
<u>Dubois</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Elkhart</u>	348	20	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	374	1,108
<u>Fayette</u>	103	7	7	19	11	0	9	35	14	205	242
Floyd	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	35
<u>Fountain</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Franklin</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Fulton</u>	46	5	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	52	55
Gibson	39	4	15	10	0	2	14	31	0	115	158
<u>Grant</u>	39	20	6	1	1	0	0	32	0	99	128

County	JC	JТ	JP	JD	JS	AD	GU	DR	Other	Total Cases With CASA Appointment in 2001	Total Children Served In 2001 (Including Children Carried Over from 2000)
<u>Greene</u>	36	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	41	80
<u>Hamilton</u>	25	1	29	11	4	1	12	96	10	189	265
<u>Hancock</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Harrison</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Hendricks (GAL; not volunteer- based)	3	0	16	9	1	0	0	7	0	36	45
<u>Henry</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Howard</u>	87	19	15	13	8	0	2	49	2	195	226
<u>Huntington</u>	1	0	8	3	0	0	1	26	1	40	57
<u>Jackson</u>	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	11	13
<u>Jasper</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Jay</u>	22	0	0	0	0	1	0	13	0	36	57
<u>Jefferson</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
<u>Jennings</u>	16	3	0	0	0	0	2	4	0	25	37
<u>Johnson</u>	41	4	23	3	0	3	4	88	44	213	317
<u>Knox</u>	21	0	8	0	0	0	0	6	0	35	60
Kosciusko	30	15	10	0	0	0	8	41	0	104	176
<u>LaGrange</u>	22	4	7	0	0	0	1	12	0	46	65
<u>LaPorte</u>	132	14	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	155	228
<u>Lake</u>	2999	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2999	2999
Lawrence	38	6	2	1	0	1	5	6	1	60	87
Madison	155	12	16	0	0	0	10	20	2	215	306
Marion (Child Advocates, Inc.) Marion (Kid's Voice, Inc.)	2328	920	101 0	169 0	15 0	10 0	55 2	163 149	0	3761 151	3694 302
Marshall	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	21
Martin	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Miami	38	4	21	2	3	3	7	66	1	145	241
Monroe	46	31	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	78	108
Montgomery	17	2	0	5	0	3	0	5	0	32	61
Morgan	29	0	1	3	1	0	1	0	5	40	38
Newton	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Noble	53	12	8	0	0	0	0	1	13	87	98

County	JC	JT	JP	JD	JS	AD	GU	DR	Other	Total Cases With CASA Appointment in 2001	Total Children Served In 2001 (Including Children Carried Over from 2000)
Ohio (See Dearborn County. Information is combined.)	No Response										
Orange	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Owen	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Parke	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Perry	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Pike</u>	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	19	24
Porter	148	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	160	289
Posey	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Pulaski</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Putnam</u>	71	5	2	1	0	9	12	0	0	100	100
Randolph	25	3	0	1	3	0	0	1	1	34	31
Ripley	37	11	4	1	0	2	2	9	0	66	66
Rush	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Scott	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Shelby</u>	22	0	3	1	0	0	2	8	0	36	52
<u>Spencer</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
St. Joseph	86	24	6	1	0	0	1	4	0	122	244
<u>Starke</u>	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Steuben</u>	17	2	6	0	0	0	0	13	0	38	58
Sullivan	No Response										
<u>Switzerland</u>	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	5	6
<u>Tippecanoe</u>	259	32	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	292	260
<u>Tipton</u>	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	8	0	10	17
<u>Union</u>	11	2	0	0	3	2	0	12	0	30	56
<u>Vanderburgh</u>	153	11	13	0	0	0	4	6	0	187	329
Vermillion	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<u>Vigo</u>	16	13	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	32	64
<u>Wabash</u>	11	0	1	1	0	0	2	13	0	28	43
Warren	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Warrick	21	3	8	12	3	0	7	33	1	88	92
Washington	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	16
<u>Wayne</u>	45	4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50	48
Wells	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
White	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Whitley	20	7	8	0	1	0	4	13	0	53	80

TOTALS	JC	JT	JP	JD	JS	AD	GU	DR	OTHER	CASES/CHILDREN
	8,193	1,295	395	323	69	54	187	1,155	106	11,766/14,322



At the end of 2001, 2,188 Indiana children involved in juvenile court proceedings were waiting for a CASA volunteer.

CASA/GAL PROGRAM DEMOGRAPHICS



- ✓ In 2001, 67 of Indiana's 92 counties had a volunteer-based program.
- These programs were staffed by 124 paid personnel statewide
- ✓ There were 1,911 active CASA volunteers in Indiana in 2001
- ✓ 567 new CASA volunteers were trained in Indiana in 2001.
- Our volunteers donated a total of 243,673 hours in 2001.

COUNTY	Type of Program/Years of Existence	#Staff	#Volunteers	#Volunteers Newly Trained in 2001	Total Hours Volunteers Donated in 2001	Certified By State Office
Adams	Court/11 Years	1	10	4	960	No
Allen	Court/17 Years	4	82	19	7,000	Yes (2001)
Bartholomew *Part of <u>CASA of</u> <u>South Central</u> <u>Indiana, Inc.</u>	501 (c)(3) *Part of a Multi-County Program/14 Years *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings and Shelby	5.5	76	25	17,040	Yes (5/98)
Benton	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Blackford	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Boone	Court/18 Years	1	8	0	856	No
Brown	Court/11 Years	1	10	0	3,160	Yes (8/99)

COUNTY	Type of Program/Years of Existence	#Staff	#Volunteers	#Volunteers Newly Trained in 2001	Total Hours Volunteers Donated in 2001	Certified By State Office
Carroll	No Volunteer	*	*	*	*	No
	Program					
Cass	501(c)(3)/3 Years	1	9	5	1,200	No
Clark	501(c)(3)/17 Years	1	6	0	1,600	No
Clay	Court/12 Years	1	12	5	648	No
Clinton	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Crawford	Court	1	1	0	20	No
Daviess	Court/12 Years	2	13	0	195	No
Dekalb *Part of Northeastern Indiana CASA, Inc.	501(c)(3) *Part of a Multi-County Program *Since this is a multi-county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Stueben and Whitley	3	57	6	29,760	Yes (08/01)
Dearborn	Court (*Part of a Multi-County Program)/11 Years	No Response				No
Decatur	501(c)(3) (*Part of a Multi-County Program)/11 Years *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings and Shelby	See Bartholomew County Demographics				Yes (5/98)
Delaware	Court /13 Years	2	56	11	No Response	Yes
Dubois	No Volunteer Program At This Time	*	*	*	*	No
Elkhart	Umbrella Program/16 Years	Incomplete	48	Incomplete	366	Yes (10/99)
Fayette	Court/13 Years	3 Part Time Employees	15	3	1,000	Yes (8/99)

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Floyd	*Part of a Multi-County Program/14 Years *Since this is a multi-county program demographics listed here also apply to: *Washington County*	1	30	6	7,200	No
Fountain	No Volunteer Program At This Time	*	*	*	*	No
Franklin	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Fulton	501(c)(3)/12 Years	1	31	4	6,240	No
Gibson	Court/4 Years	2	25	4	371	Yes (08/01)
Grant	501 (c) 3/12 Years	2	41	7	3,900	Yes (11/99)
Greene	Court/14 Years	1.5	24	9	1,440	No
Hamilton	Court/3 Years	1	23	7	1,134	Yes
Hancock	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Harrison	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Hendricks	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Henry	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Howard	Umbrella Program/16 Years	2	19	8	1,433	Yes (2/97)
Huntington	Umbrella Program/2.5 Years	1	13	6	2,415	No
Jackson *Part of <u>CASA of</u> <u>South Central</u> <u>Indiana, Inc.</u>	501(c)(3) *Part of a Multi-County Program/11 Years *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings and Shelby	See Bartholomew County Demographics				Yes (5/98)

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Jasper	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Jay	Court	1	3	1	500	No
Jefferson	Court/10 Years	1	2	0	20	No
Jennings *Part of CASA of South Central Indiana, Inc.	501(c)(3) (*Part of a Multi-County Program)/11 Years *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings and Shelby	See Bartholomew County Demographics				Yes (5/98)
Johnson	Court/13 Years	1.5	59	18	4,500	No
Knox	501(c)(3)/17 Years	1	15	5	4,200	Yes (2/97)
Kosciusko	501(c)(3)/9 Years	1	30	13	3,750	Yes (11/00)
LaGrange *Part of Northeastern Indiana CASA, Inc	501(c)(3) *Part of a Multi-County Program *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Stueben and Whitley	See Dekalb County Demographics				Yes (08/01)
LaPorte	501(c)(3)/11 Years	4	43	15	11,800	Yes (1/01)
Lake	Court/14 Years	12	294	101	5,500	Yes (11/00)
Lawrence	Court/Attorneys Also Appointed on All CASA Cases (Approx. 16 Years)	1	6	4	250	No
Madison	501(c)(3)/15 Years	4	104	26	3,120	Yes

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Marion (Child Advocates, Inc.)	501(c)(3)/19 Years	17	101	65	3,400	Yes (1997)
Marion (Kid's Voice, Inc.)	501(c)(3)/19 Years	4	128	31	35,760	No
Marshall	Court *New Program in 2001	1	7	7	80	No
Martin	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Miami	Court/11 Years	2	15	3	3,500	Yes (5/97)
Monroe	Umbrella/18 Years	2	54	15	54,000	No
Montgomery	Umbrella/11 Years	1	19	9	4,320	Yes
Morgan	Court/15 Years	2	25	7	847	Yes (2/00)
Newton	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Noble *Part of Northeastern Indiana CASA, Inc	501(c)(3) *Part of a Multi-County Program *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Stueben and Whitley	See Dekalb County Demographics				Yes (08/01)
Ohio	Court *Part of a Multi-County Program/11 Years	1	No Response			No
Orange	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Owen	No Volunteer Program	*	ж	*	*	No
Parke	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Perry	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Pike	Court/15 Years	.5	8	0	595	No
Porter	Umbrella/11 Years	2	55	14	1,500	Yes (2000)

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Posey	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Pulaski	No Volunteer Program At This Time	*	*	*	*	No
Putnam	Umbrella/501(c)(3) 8 Years	1	23	3	2,600	No
Randolph	501(c)(3)/10 Years	1	35	18	500	No
Ripley	Court/11 Years	1	9	2	1,000	No
Rush	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Scott	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Shelby *Part of <u>CASA of</u> <u>South Central</u> <u>Indiana, Inc.</u>	501(c)(3)/18 Years *Part of a Multi- Program *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: Bartholomew, Decatur, Jackson, Jennings and Shelby	See Bartholomew County Demographics				Yes
Spencer	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
St. Joseph	Umbrella/15 Years	4	66	16	6,400	Yes
Starke	No Volunteer Program At This Time	*	*	*	*	No
Steuben *Part of Northeastern Indiana CASA, Inc.	501(c)(3) *Part of a Multi-County Program *Since this is a multi- county program, the demographics also apply to the following counties DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Stueben and Whitley	See Dekalb County Demographics				Yes (08/01)
Sullivan	Court	1	No Response			No
Switzerland	Court/11 Years	1	6	0	60	No
Tippecanoe	Court/13 Years	5	84	15		Yes (11/00)

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Tipton	Court/10+ Years	1 (Volunteer Director is The Only Staff)	0	0	0	No
Union	501(c)(3)/2 Years	1	7	0	840	No
Vanderburgh	501(c)(3)/17 Years	3	79	27	3,259	No
Vermillion	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Vigo	Court/15 Years	1	4	3	800	Yes (2/00)
Wabash	Umbrella/11 Years	1	8	0	600	Yes (11/99)
Warren	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
Warrick	Court/11 Years	1 (Director Also Served As The Program's Only Volunteer)	0	0	0	Yes (7/95)
Washington	Umbrella/Part of a Multi-County Program *Since this is a multi- county program demographics listed here also apply to: Floyd County	See Floyd County Demographics				No
Wayne	Court/11 Years	1	10	2	400	Yes (8/97)
Wells	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No
White	No Volunteer Program	*	*	*	*	No

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Whitley *Part of Northeastern Indiana CASA, Inc	501(c)(3) *Part of A Multi-County Program *Since this is a multi-county program, the demographics listed here also apply to the following counties: DeKalb, LaGrange, Noble, Stueben and Whitley	See Dekalb County Statistics				Yes (08/01)
		Total Staff	Total Volunteers	Total Newly Trained Volunteers	Total Volunteer Hours Donated	
		124	1,911	567	243,673	



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This picture of the Carroll County courthouse rotunda was taken shortly after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks when an American flag was raised to honor the heroes and the victims of that tragedy.